

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 14 and 26-28 are currently pending.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakano et al. (P.N. 2002/0057899) in view of both Murase et al. (P.N. 6,424,797) and Mori et al. (P.N. 2006/0239647); and claims 14 and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Murase et al. (P.N. 6,424,797) in view of Mori et al. (P.N. 2006/0239647). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Murase has an earliest U. S. filing date of Mar 31, 2000. However, the subject application claims priority on Korean application no. 99-047843 filed October 30, 1999. Still further, applicants have previously filed the English language translation for this Korean priority document. Accordingly, Murase does NOT qualify as prior art.

In view of the above, these art grounds of rejection have been rendered moot, and applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

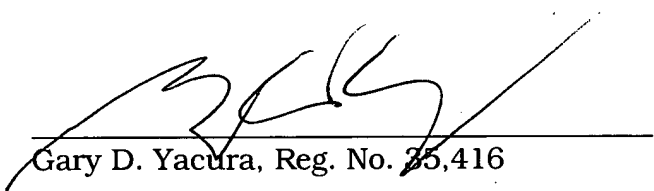
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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